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Dear Mr. Squire,

I have met with Bassem Demian, D.P.M. concerning his functional electrical stimulation (FES) based bunion treating device. FES technology has been used for a wide variety of applications including treating paralyzed individuals to be able to contract muscles towards the goal of standing and walking, for pain management, for delivering pharmaceutical agents transdermally (iontophoresis), etc. I have not seen an article or abstract that has applied electrical stimulation techniques for a non-invasive treatment of hallux abductovalgus (HAV) or the bunion deformity. For this reason I feel that Dr. Demian has a novel treatment concept.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard J. Hillstrom".

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